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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

Akira ASAKURA, *et al.*)

Examiner: Malgorzata A. WALICKA, Ph.D.

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For: **NOVEL ALCOHOL/ALDEHYDE
DEHYDROGENASES**)

New York, New York
August 11, 2003

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING
AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box. 1450
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on March 10, 2003, and a telephonic Examiner's Interview between the Examiner and the undersigned conducted on July 25, 2003 ("Interview"). The Office Action set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed with an executed certificate of mailing on or before August 11, 2003, because August 10, 2003 was a Sunday. 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.7, 1.8, and 1.136. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$410.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. Please charge any required extension-of-time fees not otherwise paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.